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VOCATIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria fixed for setting up of vocational training institutes across the country;

(b) whether the Government is planning to initiate a number of vocational training institutes across the country, especially for the school dropouts in the age group of 14-18 years under reserved category as reported in `The Times of India` dated December 16, 2006;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government is considering to provide more opportunities to the disadvantaged groups including SCs/STs and OBCs in secondary education by introduction of special schemes;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT L A. A. FATMI)

(a) to (c): Vocational Training Institutes are dealt with by Directorate General of Employment &Training (DGE&T) under Ministry of Labour & Employment whereas introduction of vocational courses in higher secondary classes (`. (th & 12th) is deait with by the Ministry of Human Resource Development under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education. Ministry of Labour & Employment has informed that the responsibilities for vocational training are shared by Centra! and State Governments. Central Government is responsible for framing overall policies, norms and standards, development of curricula, affiliation of institutes and trade testing for certification. `State Governments are responsible for opening of new ITls or adding trade units in the existing ITls as per local needs, day to day administration of ITls/ITCs, conduct of training courses, trade tests and award of certificates.

(d) to (f): Providing more opportunities to the disadvantaged groups in secondary education is a continuous process, whereas the Centcal Government provides financial assistance under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of `Vocationalisation of Secondary Education` to States/UTs, it is primarily for States/UTs to plan and manage the institutes offering vocational courses at + 2 ievel.